

2008 Draft Idaho Wolf Seasons

Zone	Season Dates	Limit ^{1,2}	Notes
Panhandle (1-7, 9)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	29	
Palouse-Hells Canyon (8, 8A, 11, 11A, 13, 18)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	5	
Lolo (10, 12)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	55	
Dworshak-Elk City (10A, 14-16)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	48	
Selway (16A, 17, 19, 20)	Sep 15 - Dec 31	28	
Middle Fork (20A, 26, 27)	Sep 15 - Dec 31	25	
Salmon (21, 21A, 28, 36B)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	42	
McCall- Weiser (19A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, 32A)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	51	<i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Units 32 and 32A, See note 3.</i>
Sawtooth (Units 33, 34, 35, 36, 39)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	35	
Southern Mountains (29, 36A, 37, 37A, 43, 44, 48-51, 30, 30A, 58-59A)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	38	<i>Motor Vehicle Restrictions Unit 29, 36A, 37, 37A, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A</i>
Upper Snake (60-62A, 64, 65, 67)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	6	
South Idaho (38, 40-42, 45-47, 52-57, 63, 63A, 66, 66A, 68-78)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	unlimited	<i>Season closed when statewide limit is reached.</i> <i>Motor Vehicle Restrictions Units 45, 47, 52, 53, 56, 57, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78</i>
Statewide	Sep 15 - Dec 31	362	<i>All seasons closed when statewide limit is reached</i>

¹ Limit includes all documented wolf mortality between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008. Hunting is closed when limit is reached.

² Limits do not include Nez Perce Tribe allocation of 64 wolves.

³ See motor vehicle rule on page 68 of the 2008 Big Game Seasons and Rules.

To find out which wolf zones are closed, call **208-334-1234**.

Within 72 hours of harvesting a wolf, hunters must report it at **1-866-302-3318**.

Hunters must present hide and skull to a Fish and Game regional office within 10 days.

Wolf tags, \$11.50 for residents and \$151.75 for nonresidents, are available at all Idaho license vendors.

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General Rules

Wolf Limits: Harvest/mortality limits are established for each management zone. The wolf take season will close immediately upon notification the wolf harvest limit has been met.

To report a wolf harvest call: 1-866-302-3318.

To find out what wolf hunt zones are closed, call: 208-334-1234 or visit <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/>.

For more specific information about the number of wolves harvested and reported for each management unit, call an Idaho Fish and Game regional office, the headquarters office in Boise, or the Website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/>

Harvest limits may be reached quickly, and hunters are encouraged to check limit status the day they plan to hunt.

Evidence of Sex: Must be left attached to the hide of any wolf taken. For wolf, external evidence of sex (scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Bag Limit: No person may take more wolves than the number for which he or she possesses legal tags. In 2008, hunters may not be issued more than one wolf tag.

Mandatory Report and Check: Any hunter killing a wolf must report the harvest within 72 hours by calling the Wolf Harvest Reporting Number at 1-866-302-3318. Additionally, any hunter killing a wolf must within 10 days of the date of kill present the skull and hide to a Fish and Game regional office for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person may have in possession, except during the open season and for 10 days after the close of the season, any raw wolf hide that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export tag).

A hunter may authorize another person to comply with

the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form

Please thaw your wolf hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging.

Capturing Wolves: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold any wolf. Lawful trapping seasons will be considered in future years.

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to hunt or pursue wolves within a half mile of any active Idaho Fish and Game big game feeding site.

Weapons Restrictions: Same as for other big game animals, see page 65 in the 2008 big game rules.

Electronic calls: No electronic calls may be used to attract wolves for the purpose of harvest.

Bait: Baiting for wolves is not allowed.

Dogs: Use of dogs to attract or pursue wolves is prohibited.

Retrieving meat: Hunters are not required to retrieve meat from a harvested wolf. But hide and skull are required to be physically presented to a Fish and



Game regional office within 10 days of kill.

Incidental Wolf Take: Trappers who accidentally capture a wolf must release the wolf uninjured and must report the capture to an Idaho Fish and Game employee within five days of release. But they are also encouraged to contact the nearest Fish and Game regional office immediately to allow a determination of whether to attach a radio collar to assist wolf management.

Trappers who accidentally capture a wolf that cannot be released uninjured must notify a Fish and Game employee immediately to collect the animal. No one may keep an incidentally taken wolf.

Wolves with Radio Collars: Hunters may encounter wolves with radio collars. These radio collars allow Idaho Fish and Game personnel to monitor wolf activity, assess population status, and help determine future hunting opportunity. Though it is legal to do so, Fish and Game encourages hunters to avoid harvesting radio-collared wolves. Hunters are required to return any radio collars when they check in their wolf.

For general hunting rules and license requirements, please consult the 2008 Big Game Seasons and Rules.

SPECIES	WOLF	COYOTE
Weight (lbs)	70-120	20-35
Height at Shoulder	26-34 in.	16-20 in.
Color	black, white, all shades of gray & tan, grizzled never spotted.	all shades of gray & tan, white or black very rare, never spotted
Tail Carriage	hangs down or straight out, never curls	hangs down or straight out, never curls
General Appearance	massive, long legged, first impression at long distance is often calf or deer	delicate, medium size, dog-like proportions with fox-like face.
Ears	rounded, relatively short, never hang down	pointed, relatively long, never hang down
Muzzle	large and blocky	long and pointed
Track	4 1/2 - 5 in. long with claws	2-3 inches long with claws